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INCORRECT ADDRESSES ON CENSUS FORMS

As you may have heard, several media outlets reported that residents in the unincorporated community of Hacienda Heights received their Census forms with La Puente listed as their city and are concerned as to the accuracy of the count. Our Office contacted the Census Bureau and they assured us that returns will be counted in the jurisdiction where the home is physically located.

Robert Groves, Director of the Census, addressed this issue by posting the following blog on the U.S. Census Website:

The 2010 Census mail-out is the largest single delivery ever undertaken by the United States – over 120 million forms were mailed this week. To streamline delivery in a mailing this large, addresses in a particular ZIP code sometimes were all labeled using a single city name that is valid for the ZIP code, even though some people in that area usually receive mail addressed to a different city name. The Postal Service does not have a problem with this because for many addresses there are multiple city names that are perfectly acceptable for accurate delivery.

If you got a form at your address, you're fine. Fill it out, mail it back, just as it is. (Please don't cross out the bar code or the address). We will place your return with the right area. If you got the form, we have coded your house to the right geography.

Should any of your constituents wish to discuss this with the Census Bureau, they may call (866) 872-6868. Our Office will monitor this issue and report back to your Board if there are any further developments. If you have any questions, please contact Ellen Sandt at (213) 974-1186 or esandt@ceo.lacounty.gov or Martin Zimmerman at (213) 974-1326 or mzimmerman@ceo.lacounty.gov.

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